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Van Buren Township Trustee arraigned for shoplifting

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Van Buren Township Trustee Sherry Frazier, 69, was arraigned April 4 before 23rd District Court Judge Geno D. Salomone in Taylor on a criminal misdemeanor charge of larceny.



Frazier

Her attorney Russ Donelson entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of shoplifting \$297.50 worth of merchandise at Macy's on New Year's Eve. She allegedly put two scarves in her purse and, after paying for a sweater, slipped earrings and a planner into the Macy's bag with the sweater. Loss prevention officers followed her outside when she left the store, according to the report.

Defense attorney Donelson asked Judge Salomone to allow about 30 days before the pretrial date for discovery and the judge agreed. Donelson also said he wished to talk to the Taylor City Attorney about the charges.

Judge Salomone said her posted bond was continued and she was not to contact the victim, ie. Macy's.

VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara said he learned of Frazier's arrest three weeks ago. He said there has been an internal investigation of Frazier and whether she violated the township's ethics policy. He said this could lead to a recommendation of counseling or censure by the board.

Under state law, however, the board does not have the right to take away her trustee position given by the voters. The only way to remove Trustee Frazier from her post is by a recall election or her resignation.

A hearing on Frazier's possible violation of the ethics' policy has been set for the board's regular meeting at 7 p.m. April 17.

Supervisor McNamara said this will be the only item on the agenda.

"We believe the actions of the trustee violated the public trust and a public hearing of these issues is needed to amend that trust," McNamara told WXYZ-TV.

McNamara said all Frazier needed to do was accept responsibility for the incident and things wouldn't have gotten to this point.

This is the third time Frazier has been detained for shoplifting, according to a Van Buren Township police report.

According to information obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request, VBT Police detained Frazier at 1:51 p.m. May 25, 2009 at the Kmart store parking lot, 2095 Rawsonville Road, after being called by store security.

A Kmart security officer said he stopped Frazier after she rolled a shopping cart full of merchandise out the front door of the store with the alarm system sounding. She was placing unpurchased store property

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VBT Board approves definitive agreement for DUWA ownership

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The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve a resolution accepting the definitive transfer agreement on the Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority (DUWA) and to authorize its representative to vote in favor of it when it comes before the DUWA board.

This was at the regular township board meeting on April 3. The DUWA board is expected to vote on the agreement on May

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Independent photos by James Otzman
 Riggs Park solar-powered, award-winning restroom building on Martinsville Road between East Huron River Drive and Savage Road in Van Buren Township has been vandalized, apparently with landscaping rocks thrown at the glass window blocks at the rear of the building. Matthew Best, VBT director of public services, said Tuesday that the township has lined up a contractor to do the repair work on the glass windows. Riggs Park is the site of the end of Van Buren Township's first link of the state's Iron Belle Trail for hiking and biking. The first township link was approved to run from Edgemont Street in the city of Belleville to Riggs Park. The rest station now is locked up.

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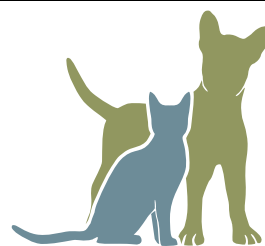
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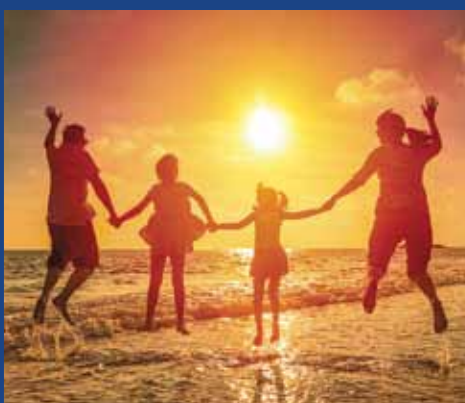
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VBT Board

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Thirteen communities, including Van Buren Township and the city of Belleville, are a part of the DUWA group that wants to acquire the Downriver Sanitary Disposal System from Wayne County.

Trustee Sherry Frazier, who is the township board's liaison to the Water and Sewer Commission, made the motion to approve the resolution.

She said Wayne County borrowed \$9 million from the assets of the downriver sanitary system and, after an audit identified the action, paid back the amount with interest.

She said the county first wanted \$120 million and now will take \$57 million for the system, but there will be no increase in costs to residents.

Trustee Frazier said DUWA will get \$38 million that's in the system's reserves. The pension and health care stay with Wayne County. She said all of the 13 communities involved have a weighted percentage of the costs.

Water Department Director James Taylor said if VBT approves the transfer agreement it will be sixth of the 13 communities approving. The city of Belleville voted to approve on April 2.

Taylor said at its first meeting in May, DUWA will take a vote and then it will be on to the Wayne County Commission for a vote. After that they can go out for bonds and its should be wrapped up by September or October.

Besides VBT and Belleville, other members of DUWA are the cities of Ecorse, Lincoln Park, River Rouge, Southgate, Wyandotte, Allen Park, Taylor, Dearborn Heights, Romulus, Riverview, and the Charter Township of Brownstown.

Based on Federal Judge Feikens' 1994 financial order, Belleville has 1.236% of ownership for capital improvements to the system and VBT has 2.295%.

At the March 19 work study session of the township board, Supervisor Kevin McNamara said he wanted the board to study the agreement in detail because, "It locks us in in perpetuity -- It's a lot of money."

Attorneys from DUWA were present along with Vito Kaunelis, who administers DUWA. Kaunelis said they are talking about a 30-acre treatment facility in Wyandotte that has 63 miles of collecting system, including a tunnel system, meters, pumps, and rain gauges.

Five percent of the system has been studied and it is in good shape for the age of the facility, which was built in 1938.

Treasurer Sherry Budd said she wants Wayne County to fix the pipes from the 1930s that need fixing before the

communities take it over.

Supervisor McNamara said there is only one-fourth to one-half mile of interceptor sewer in VBT. He said he wanted to know who pays if it breaks in Romulus or Taylor.

Kaunelis said DUWA -- everybody -- pays.

He said Wayne County wants to stop providing sewage treatment and wants to sell the system.

Bill Bricke of Plante Moran gave details of the purchase of the system from the county.

"If DUWA owns it, you make the decisions," Bricke said, "and it will be rate neutral."

It was noted there are six or seven lawsuits against the system because of basement flooding and it is doubtful they will be resolved by the time DUWA takes over.

Trustee Paul White said an advantage is that the communities will get to "drive the bus and DUWA will decide on capital improvements."

Supervisor McNamara said the township has three options: accept its role as one of the owners of DUWA, say no and become a customer of DUWA, or opt out of the system and go elsewhere.

It was pointed out VBT already entered into the service agreement. VBT attorney Patrick McCauley said they can't change the governing articles of the group, which already have been approved.

Trustee White said the goal is to close in August or September. "It's our own destiny. Better than what you have now."

In other business at the one-hour-35-minute meeting on April 3, the board.

- Approved, on a 4-3 vote (ayes from McNamara, Budd, Wright, and Martin; nays from White, Frazier, and Miller), amending the future land use map for 75 acres of the Smith farm at 50015 Michigan Avenue, changing it from Low Density Single Family Residential B to Light Industrial. A motion by Trustee White, seconded by Trustee Reggie Miller to remove it from that evening's agenda was defeated on the same 4-3 vote;

- Approved the first reading of Ordinance 04-03-18 to modify certain accessory building regulations and setbacks to the zoning ordinance. The second reading and approval is expected at the next regular meeting;

- Approved the prepaid voucher list of March 22. Trustee Frazier had asked for the prepaid list to be removed from the consent agenda so it could be discussed. She said \$342.60 was paid for airfare for Clerk Wright's trip to his Virginia conference May 20-23 and that was in addition to his \$600 in conference fees. She said he has gone to Montreal, Kansas and now Virginia. She questioned if this was a necessary expense. "This has already been discussed and approved," Clerk Wright

said;

- Witnessed the Van Buren Civic Fund present a check for \$5,763 to the Belleville Area Museum for new exhibit panels and a check for \$7,182.22 to the VBT Public Safety Department for gas detection monitors for the fire department;

- Heard McNamara say there were two vacancies on the Local Development Finance Authority Board and he would like volunteers to apply. Treasurer Budd said there was a vacancy coming to the Water and Sewer Commission because longtime member Dr. Gerald Graf was retiring. Residents were encouraged to apply;

- Heard resident John Delaney say there was a big disconnect between the four trustees and the planning department. He said the three full-time elected officials in the "hallowed halls" do not tell the trustees what is happening. "There needs to be better information," he said. "They are treated like stepchildren." He also said he felt the township offices should be open to 5 p.m. for the convenience of the residents. He said some fees in the planning department have been upped 300

Court Watching:

Competency exam ordered at district court for Robert Bulmer

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

A psychiatric exam has been ordered for Robert John Bulmer, 29, of Milan to see if he has criminal responsibility and competency to stand trial on charges of malicious destruction of property between \$1,000 and \$20,000 in value and larceny of \$200 or less in a building on March 11 in Van Buren Township.

Bulmer, who was being lodged in the Wayne County Jail on \$10,000/10% bond, was present in 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green's courtroom on March 28 via video.

Judge Green explained the competency exam to Bulmer. He told her he is taking his medications in jail.

"When he takes his meds, he feels he doesn't have to take his meds," Judge Green said and family members in the courtroom agreed, saying this same thing happened last year.

Judge Green said it is difficult because there are few places in the state to take those with mental problems.

She said if his case ends at district court or circuit court, "The court may tell him to take his meds" and it would mean something to him.

The competency exam may take about 90 days, she said.

Bulmer's retained attorney is Raymond Cissar and another attorney filled in for him at this probable cause conference before

to 600%, but "the township is not getting services as a premier community";

- Heard Clerk Wright ask for a moment of silence in memory of Martin Luther King, Jr. Then he read his thoughts in Dr. King's memory. Trustee White also told of his experiences of the Civil Rights movement and how Dr. King said everyone should be judged by their character not the color of their skin;

- Heard Trustee White rebut what he called errors of fact in a recent letter to the editor of the Independent from CeJay Marshall concerning costs of Michigan Township Association meetings in Jackson and Lansing. He said it was dishonorable writing; and

- Heard Frazier say that Treasurer Budd has breakfast with CeJay Marshall at 9 a.m. every Thursday at Leo's and Marshall knows more about the working of the township than the trustees do. Treasurer Budd said there are five to ten of them that have been meeting for breakfast for years and, "We don't go there to talk township business."

Judge Green.

Victor Jefferson

Judge Green was about to issue a bench warrant for Victor Jefferson, 59, because he hadn't shown up for his preliminary exam on a charge of larceny of \$1,000 to \$20,000 (attempt to conspire/solicit) in VBT on March 11.

The attorney filling in for his court-appointed attorney Richard Glanda said Jefferson's mother told him her son is in the hospital. He said the mother told him he had chest pains around his heart and possible sinus problems.

Judge Green adjourned the preliminary exam for a week and Jefferson was due to be before Judge David Parrott on April 4 unless the court gets something from the hospital on his condition.

On April 4, Judge Parrott adjourned Jefferson's preliminary exam until 10 a.m., May 2.

Collin Daniel Murphy

Collin Daniel Murphy, 23, waived his preliminary exam on a charge of second-degree criminal sexual conduct (relationship) on Feb. 25 in VBT. The prosecutor added a felonious assault charge and furnishing alcohol to a minor charge.

Murphy is free after posting bond of \$20,000/10% and his retained attorney is James Schmier.

Murphy is due at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice at 9 a.m. April 11 for an arraignment on the information.

OPINIONS

Editorial

It may be raining, but library ground breaking is on

At Tuesday's meeting of the Belleville Area District Library Board no one was daunted by a forecast of rain all day Saturday.

They are having their groundbreaking for the new library, rain or not. The ceremony begins at 11 a.m. on the grass in front of the present library. There's no where to dig in the street where the library will actually go, so they'll use the lawn.

Library Board member John Juriga might bring a tent for the board members to huddle under for the ceremonial digging if hard rain seems at hand.

They've got small swag bags to pass out, construction hats to wear, little puppy dolls with hard hats and, hopefully, about 30 T-shirts with the groundbreaking logo on the front. Of course, there's cake and coffee.

Board chairwoman Sharon Peters hopes her doctor will reduce the size of the protective cover on her healing broken ankle for the event. Whatever. She'll be there.

The board had worked hard to get a new library approved by voters and now they are ecstatic that the library is coming at last. They are very excited about the ground breaking.

Let's all join in on the community celebration of a new, large, beautiful building downtown that will change the face of Belleville forever.

See you on Saturday. You might want to bring an umbrella.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Van Buren Township Fire Chief Amy Brow said she was shocked when Channel 4 called her shortly after 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, to ask if the single-vehicle rollover on Ecorse, which just happened, was the result of a police chase. It was not the result of a police chase.

She said the accident near Willow Run Airport involved those who had been at the University of Michigan basketball team's loss the day before to Villanova in the national title game.

Reportedly there were no injuries as the vehicle traveled westbound on Ecorse near Denton Road. The basketball team had landed shortly before at Willow Run Airport.

Media reports identified UM assistant coach Saddi Washington and his family as being in the vehicle.

I called Sumpter Township to find out who had filed so far for the August primary, which will start the election of people to the three seats that were appointed -- trustee, clerk, treasurer.

Incumbent treasurer Peggy Morgan filed for treasurer and Ken Bednark filed for treasurer, both on the Democratic ticket.

Andrew Slovik filed for trustee with no party affiliation, so he won't have to be on the primary ballot, but will be on the November ballot.

Sheena Barnes, who currently is trustee, filed for clerk on the Democratic ticket. I was told her petition had a problem, so it has been sent to the county for a decision.

Everybody has until 4 p.m. Aug. 24, the deadline for filing petitions.

We received a letter from a Sumpter



resident who wished to keep her name secret. We don't like to publish unsigned letters, so we'll just pass on her concern here.

She said she is 82 years old and has lived in the township for 60 years, paying school taxes and raising five children. She's a widow now and hasn't had a child in school for 57 years.

She asks elected officials to help the older people who wish to live the rest of their lives in their homes that they worked so hard for.

"Please. We really need help on school taxes," she wrote.

Another writer who also doesn't want her name in the paper wrote to send kudos to St. Anthony Catholic Church. She said when Father John K. gave a blessing for a robotic event at BHS, many found "that all is not lost in our faith as Christians of all denominations."

She wrote: "Let us reflect that we are and were one nation under God, founded by our forefathers. No change should ever be necessary."

She said the list of Van Buren Township residents supporting this statement is too long to print.

We would like to encourage people to sign their letters -- especially with us heading into the election season. Letters with names carry much more clout. We don't have room for unsigned letters.

A reader sent me an email reporting that Van Buren Public Schools failed to make the top-100 schools in the state of Michigan according to backgroundchecks.org. The report was released Tuesday. The top five districts are: Novi Community School District, Rochester Community School District, Troy School District, Okemos Public Schools, and East Grand Rapids Public Schools.

The rankings were determined by student performance (math and reading test scores), dropout rates, school funding, and area poverty rates. Data was collected from a total of 9,577 school districts.

Backgroundchecks.org said it is a public-safety focused organization committed to increasing public safety, community involvement, and education.

Don't forget that the ribbon-cutting for the new Belleville Area District Library is at 11 a.m. this Saturday in front of the present library. They should start digging in Fourth Street and the parking lot any time now to begin the groundwork before building the new building that we all are paying for with our property taxes. There should be a nice crowd for the event. See you there!

Work also should begin soon on the Sumpter media center which is a part of this library project.



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To the editor:

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Sincerely,
Mike Windiate, owner
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Belleville fire story was wrong in two parts

To the editor:

My name is Gale Rich and I am one of the homeowners of 205 Roland St. Yesterday a friend of ours handed me a copy of the *Belleville Independent* with your article about our cats being rescued. Because somehow that is the most important thing that happened? A couple things I was displeased with:

1. It was never said that anyone was trying to smoke bugs out of the attic.

2. Our friends Amy Douglas and Jon Lemus went back to the house later that night with my husband and THEY got our other cat out of the house. She suffered smoke inhalation, but is OK.

If the firefighters saw her in the kitchen they did not bring her out or let us know. My husband was there until all of the firefighters left and the windows were boarded up.

I would like it printed that we thank the following:

The officers (especially officer Sarah for getting Frik and going back in to try to get Frak) and all of the volunteer firefighters who tried to save our home.

The Chudzinskis and all of our other neighbors who brought us clothes and essentials while the fire was going on.

Most importantly I would like to thank Rachel Goodman for stopping when she saw it was our house and taking my son to her home to stay with her family overnight. My son and her son are best friends.

(Was someone going to let us know about this Go Fund Me page? I don't even know what that is.)

Respectfully,
Gale Rich

That's Amore event to benefit ChadTough

To the editor:

Our annual "That's Amore for the Kids" dinner-dance live auctions together with many from the surrounding communities have raised over \$250,000 for cancer research and bone-marrow testing. This year our event will be held April 21 at the Van Buren Eagles hall in Belleville. We would like to invite everyone to this event.

This event will benefit the ChadTough Foundation for pediatric brain cancer research. Chad was a 5-year-old boy whose father Jason was a former U of M quarterback and Grandfather Lloyd coached. He battled DIPG, a rare brain cancer, and although he lost his battle at a young age his determination launched the ChadTough Foundation. Brain cancer is the number-one killer in children. Fundraisers such as this have already led to many advances in the treatment of cancer. It is not a question of if, it's a question of how soon we can put an end to this. No child should have to fight cancer.

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Obituaries



Bishop Allen Cox, Sr.

BISHOP ALLEN COX, SR.

(February 17, 1928 - April 6, 2018)

Bishop Allen Cox, Sr., a longtime resident of Sumpter Township, passed away peacefully at home on April 6.

He was a faithful member of the Spiritual Israel Church and Its Army over 60 years. He served as pastor on Martinsville Road for many years. To many he will be remembered as a patient, kind, and wise man. He leaves to cherish his memory: wife Patricia Ann Cox; son Allen T. III; daughters Anita, Althea Stanford, Cheryl Dixon (Robert) and Jeanette; bother Clarence Lee (Jacqueline) and sister Odell Tyson; eight grandchildren; a host of great-grandchildren; nephews; nieces, cousins, close friends, and church family.

More Letters

Join us on Friday to support Little League

To the editor:

Nothing to do on Friday, April 13th? Come on out and help support the Van Buren Area Little League fund raiser at Lodge Lanes. Check in begins at 6 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person which includes shshoe rental, two games of bowling, and pizza. We will also have several different themed raffle baskets.

If you are a parent of a Little League player, Friday is your last chance to purchase a yard sign with your favorite player's name on it. Hope to see everyone on Friday. Thank you for all the support.

Marc Littleleson, president
Van Buren Area Little League

Thanks to two officers who made things better

To the editor:

Recently there was in incident that left me feeling quite uncomfortable. Two police officers, Neil Scabid and Dan Hernandez, arrived immediately and took care of all the issues and left me feeling fully respected and protected. As a senior citizen I really appreciated their assistance. Thanks, guys!

Carol Premo, Ph.D.
Van Buren Township

Twisted Rooster sets Earth Day cleanup of Belleville on April 22

Twisted Rooster of Belleville, owned and operated by Grand Rapids-based Meritage Hospitality Group, will host a community clean-up in honor of Earth Day on Sunday, April 22, from noon to 2 p.m.

Volunteers will meet on High Street in downtown Belleville at noon and will be supplied with gloves and trash bags.

"What better way to celebrate Earth Day than to host a neighborhood cleanup in our own town," said Natalie Bates, general manager at Twisted Rooster. "I have always wanted to organize a clean-up day in Belleville and thought this would be the perfect occasion to launch an annual town clean-up event."

Community members can register to volunteer by visiting <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CXVVJC> or send an email to nbates@mhgi.net. Twisted Rooster will continue the Earth Day

celebration after the clean-up with a volunteer appreciation party. The restaurant will donate complimentary appetizers and beverages for those who participate in the clean-up.

"Commit to the mitt is our motto and at the heart of all we do," Bates said. "It's not just about our commitment to provide locally sourced products, but it's also about our commitment to give back to our

community."

For more information on the Belleville Earth Day Clean-up event, call the restaurant at (734) 697-6201 and ask for Natalie or visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/593306567700073>. Twisted Rooster is located at 9729 Belleville Road, Belleville, MI 48111.

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Obituaries



Thomas W. Pyle

THOMAS W. PYLE
 (May 2, 1933 - April 4, 2018)
 Thomas W. Pyle, age 84, passed away Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born at his home in Van Buren Township, MI, son of the late Melvin & Irene Pyle.
 Tom worked for Willow Run Airport for over 40 years maintaining all their equipment. He was a unique and talented man. He could make something out of nothing. Everything he created was true art work and always done so effortlessly. Tom has a huge collection of canes that he created with amazing detail and creativity. He had the hands of a giant, a true working man's hands. "I can't" were words he never spoke; they were not in his vocabulary. He bought a F-30 45 years ago that his son, Robert restored at 13 years old. He entered it into a competition at Greenfield Village at 14 and won. Tom was beaming with pride. That led into the biggest collection of antique tractors in Washtenaw County. For many years, with his friend and neighbor Richard Alexander they farmed together. They each brought different talents and equipment to the mix. Tom is survived by his devoted wife of 60 years, Beverly (Hoekstra) Pyle; daughter Bonnie (Ted) Kowalski of Ypsilanti, MI; 10 grandchildren including Thomas Robert (Amy) Pyle of Manchester, MI; 17 great-grandchildren and one on the way; a sister Irene "Betty" Bush of Ypsilanti, MI; two nephews Norm Bush of Baldwin, MI and Donald Bush of Ypsilanti, MI; also many extended family and friends.
 He was preceded in death by his parents and his son Robert Pyle.
 Visitation was 4-8 PM Friday, April 6, 2018 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI 48111 (734)697-4500. Funeral Service was 11:00 AM Saturday, April 7, 2018 with Pastor Gordon Moore officiating. The family greeted guests from 10-11 AM Saturday. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



Cheryl Ann Elliott

CHERYL ANN ELLIOTT
 (June 12, 1944 - April 5, 2018)
 Age 73, of Belleville, died peacefully at the Saline Evangelical Home, early on Thursday morning, April 5, 2018.
 Cheryl is the beloved mother of Julie (Joey) Harness of Ypsilanti and proud grandmother of Jacob and Jenna. Ms. Elliott is also survived by her sister, Barbara DeLaTorre of Ypsilanti and her cat, "Angel". Sadly, she is preceded in death by her parents, Kenneth (Jennie) Elliott; fiancée, Arthur Trafney and siblings, Richard Elliott, Edward Elliott and Suzanne Clark.
 Cheryl lived in the Belleville area for the last eleven years, she enjoyed crocheting, coloring and painting ceramics. She truly enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and was known to be a very social person. She will be missed.
 Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM, Monday, April 9, 2018 in the Main Chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville. (734) 697-4500. The Elliott family greeted guests from 10 AM. Pastor Gordon Moore officiated her service. A procession for interment prayers followed to Arborcrest Cemetery, Ann Arbor.
 Visiting hours were Sunday from 12 Noon until 5 PM at the funeral home.
 In lieu of customary tributes, memorial contributions may be directed to the charity of choice.

ANNE V. HAAKONSTAD
 Age 98, of Belleville, died March 29, 2018. Service was April 4 at Janowiak Funeral Home, Sumpter. Survived by daughters Janet, Lydia, Betty; son Charles; grandchildren; great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by husbands Edward Steinman, Olaf Haakonstad.
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Thank you for buying groceries for veteran

To the editor:

On April 7, I was grocery shopping at Meijer in Belleville. I am a proud veteran so, as usual, I was wearing my hat and vest with my vet patches.

As I was in the check-out line, an incredible thing happened. The lady ahead of me, along with her 17-year-old daughter, told me, "Thank you for your service," and then she paid for my groceries.

I told her that it was not necessary, but she insisted. I just want her to know how appreciative I am and how heartwarming to know that there are still great people in this world. Kindness is catchy.

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- April 17 -- Joyce Adams
- April 18 -- Anthony S. Kuchta, Sr., Ken Bleeker, Kollin Sobocinski, Vickie Lenhardt
- April 19 -- Mary Lee Shaffer Kuchta, Jennifer Leonard, April McGuire, David Sauers
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Court Watching:

David Radecki released on probation until Aug. 22, 2022 discharge

David Arthur Radecki, 39, who was sentenced to five years in jail after pleading guilty to charges of accosting a child for immoral purposes and criminal sexual conduct fourth degree, has been freed on probation until Aug. 8, 2022.

The date of the offense was Oct. 1, 2016 when Radecki, a Belleville scout leader at the time, took a scout to the Romulus Athletic Center to go swimming. He was sentenced Aug. 8, 2017.

His probation conditions include registering under the Michigan Sex Offender Registration Act, not owning or possessing a computer, monthly reporting, and making a genuine effort to find employment.

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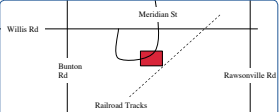
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Local chorus' spring concert theme: 'What a Wonderful World'

Members of the Belleville Community Chorus invite everyone to join them on Saturday, April 28, at 7 p.m. to celebrate their 12th-annual spring concert.

The performance, titled "What a

Wonderful World," features a variety of songs with wide appeal from popular, musical theater and other sources.

"What a Wonderful World" will be performed at the Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., Belleville. The concert features the adult chorus plus the BCC Children's Chorus. BCC's directors are Sue Hiser and Steve Ko and the accompanist is Kevin Shay.

As always, the concert is free, although donations are encouraged and sponsors are welcome.

To learn more about the Belleville Community Chorus or how to be part of it contact Pete Jones at (734) 731-0829, email to Plrmj@msn.com or check out www.bellevillechorus.com.

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Crime Watch Daily airs report on Egypt Covington murder case

On Friday, Crime Watch Daily aired a television report on the Egypt Covington murder case and, on a request from the *Independent*, provided the following link so those who missed it can see the report:

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com/2018/04/06/who-
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The report includes Curtis Meadows' story of how he found Egypt's body at her home on Hull Road in Van Buren Township on June 23. He said her hands were tied behind her back with a string of Christmas tree lights and she was shot in the back of the head. Her small dog Ruby was the only witness.

Meadows said he was grilled by Van Buren Township police and passed a polygraph. Police say he is not a suspect in the case.

Another man, who VBT police have recently named a person of interest in the murder, was recorded by Crime Watch Daily, saying he didn't do it and to talk to his attorney. His attorney Dan Geherin said his client has cooperated with police.

In the Crime Watch Daily report, it was stated the man got into a dispute with Egypt a week before her death when they met at the Strawberry Festival in Belleville.

VBT police, who have been investigating the case for almost 10 months, told Crime Watch Daily they are still waiting for "sensitive DNA testing" in the case.

Anyone with information in the case is asked to call VBT police at (734) 699-8930.

Gov. Snyder reappoints Maria Holmes to foster Community Services

On April 5, Gov. Rick Snyder announced the reappointment of Maria Holmes of Belleville to the Michigan Community Service Commission.

The 25-member commission fosters a culture of service by providing vision and resources to strengthen communities through volunteerism. It also develops a three-year comprehensive community and national service plan that is updated annually.

"Maria has done a great job dedicating her time to improving our communities and I

look forward to her continued involvement on the commission," Snyder said.

Holmes is the director of community investment and external affairs for Comcast's Heartland Region. She has 30 years of experience serving in the cable industry as a manager in video production, government affairs, and community investment. She attended Eastern Michigan University. She will continue to represent businesses.

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Sarah McDonald of Van Buren Township poses with Alpha, the school mascot, after receiving in the mail her associate's degree for a liberal arts transfer from Washtenaw County Community College. She will get the degree officially during graduation ceremonies May 19. Meanwhile, she has already started her classes at Eastern Michigan University to earn a bachelor's degree. Sarah's goal is to become an author of children's books.

- ## Upcoming Meetings
- Thursday, April 12 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
 - Monday, April 16 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. at the Commons at Belleville High School. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
 - Tuesday, April 17 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.
 - Wednesday, April 18 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.
 - Tuesday, April 24 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.
 - Wednesday, April 25 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
 - Monday, April 30 – Special 6 p.m. meeting of Belleville City Council to consider 2018-19 budget. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m. at the Commons at Belleville High School.

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Cornerstone Church invites ladies to 5th-annual High Tea

Cornerstone Christian Church, 44500 Willis Road, invites the public to its 5th-annual ladies tea at 1 p.m., Saturday, May 19.

A light lunch and beverages will be served and a guest speaker will be in attendance.

Tickets, at \$5 per person, are now on sale. Participation in this event will help support

the church mission to raise funds to help send children to Christian camp. Deadline to purchase tickets is May 5. Send a check to the church to reserve a place.

High tea attire is encouraged, but not enforced. For information, call (734) 612-8858.

Emergency Medical Service Education open house set April 25

Huron Valley Ambulance's Center for EMS Education will be holding an open house from 5:30 to 8 p.m., April 25, at 1200 State Circle, Ann Arbor, for those interested in a career as an Emergency Medical Technician or Paramedic.

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, April 12** – At 7 p.m., the Homegrown Knowledge series, sponsored by Friends of the Belleville Area District Library, presents various guest speakers describing the history of the Belleville library. Bring your own stories and pictures of the library. Refreshments.
- **Friday, April 13** – “Into the Woods” begins at 7 p.m. at the Belleville High School Auditorium. Continues on Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.
- **Saturday, April 14** – Belleville Area District Library ceremonial groundbreaking for the new library building, 11 a.m. on Fourth Street in downtown Belleville. Speeches, refreshments, and prizes for kids. Family-friendly event.
- **Saturday, April 14** – Knights of Columbus and St. Anthony Men’s Club are sponsoring a Vocations Dinner and silent raffle in support of the seminarians at Sacred Heart, Detroit, the future priests in the Archdiocese of Detroit. It’s at St. Anthony, Belleville, parish family center. Doors open at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7:30 and a program to follow. Tickets are \$15 per person. Tickets available through any one of the Knights or Men’s Club members

Shoplifting

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into her maroon truck in the parking lot, he said. The items included paper towels, toilet paper, water and miscellaneous items with a total worth of \$206.31.

Officer Donovan McCarthy made contact with Frazier and she told him she did take the merchandise, but that she just forgot to pay for it, according to the report. Store Loss Prevention Manager Dallas Lesperance told Frazier that this was the second time that she had attempted to steal merchandise from this location.

She was cited for the May 25, 2009 retail fraud, a misdemeanor, and she was advised she would go to 34th District Court on the charge. Frazier paid a civil demand from Kmart and the VBT prosecutor dismissed the charge against her.

or call (734) 347-0426 or email alatiw@mikofc.org.

• **Sunday, April 15** – Free Sunday Music, 2-5 p.m., at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Music today by Byron and Michelle Cancelmo of Detroit Motion Band. Information: Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan, (734) 699-8918.

• **Monday, April 16** – Belleville Area Garden Club meets at Belleville First United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. Alexander Ball from Old City Acres will speak about Community Supported Agriculture farming, greenhouses, and seed starting. All are invited.

• **Monday, April 16** – State Rep. Erika Geiss, D-Taylor, will hold a coffee hour 6-7 p.m. at the Public Service Credit Union Conference Room 7665 Merriman Road, Romulus. Her district includes part of Van Buren Township.

• **Tuesday, April 17** – Home Buyer Seminar at Coldwell Banker Professionals and Cross Country Mortgage, 6-8 p.m., 309 Main Street, Belleville. Grow your knowledge on home buying.

• **Tuesday, April 17** – Visit the Belleville Area Lions Club meeting at 6 p.m. at Wayne County Community College (Ted Scott Campus) on Haggerty Road.

• **Wednesday, April 18** – Earth Day celebration starting at 2:30 p.m. at Victory Park in Belleville. Fun for the whole family. Partnering with Comcast Cares to clean up the local parks, plan a community garden, and provide kid-friendly service projects. Sponsored by Our Father’s Child daycare and Lighthouse Church.

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More Letters

Lions Club to offer White Cane Awareness

To the editor:

Belleville Area Lions, serving the city of Belleville, Sumpter Township and Van Buren Township, will participate in White Cane Awareness.

It is estimated that 40 million people around the world are blind. The World Health Organization has estimated that the number of blind people in the world could double in the next 25 years.

To combat the leading causes of

blindness and assist in preserving vision, the Belleville Area Lions Club (BALC) is participating in White Cane Awareness on April 28 and April 29, to heighten awareness and education about sight preservation and preventable blindness.

The Belleville Area Lions Club will be joining in this global event by collecting donations at Leo's Coney Island on Belleville Road, Saturday April 28 and Sunday April 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. both days. We'll be at Walmart both days on Belleville Road from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The proceeds from the fundraiser will be returned to the local community helping those in need get glasses, hearing aids and in organizations such as Penrickton Center for Blind Children, Michigan Center for

Hearing, Seedlings (Braille books) and more.

In the United States, approximately 750,000 people are blind and an additional 50,000 more will become blind each year, according to the National Federation of the Blind. Like most developed countries, glaucoma and diabetes are the leading causes of blindness in the United States.

On a worldwide scale, an estimated 75% of all blindness is found in Africa and Asia, according to the World Health Organization. In Africa, there are an estimated 500,000 new cases of cataracts each year, of which only one in ten is operated upon. In India, 80% of the blind suffer from cataracts, with more than 3.8 million new cases reported each year.

The Belleville Area Lions Club meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at Ted Scott College on Haggerty Road in Belleville. Lions clubs are a group of men and women who identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or to get involved with the Belleville Area Lions Club, please contact Jo Ann at balclionjo@comcast.net.

Lions World Sight Day is a global vision initiative sponsored by Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation. This event is held annually on the second Thursday of October in an effort to raise awareness about sight-related issues. Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with more than 1.3 million members in approximately 45,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas around the world.

Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service

and serving youth throughout the world.

For more information about Lions Clubs International, visit the Web site at www.lionsclubs.org.

Jo Ann Gardner, Van Buren Township
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Spring Used Book Sale set Saturday, May 5 at Belleville Library

The Friends of the Belleville Area District Library are having a used-book sale Saturday, May 5, from noon to 3 p.m. The public is welcome.

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Judge Szlinis recovering from heart failure

Retired 34th District Court Judge William Szlinis reportedly suffered heart failure, where there was no heart beat at all, but he was resuscitated and now is recovering and doing well at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Before Tuesday's regular meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, attorney Rob Young said he had been advised of the judge's heart attack by a court employee.

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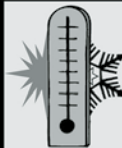
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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES APRIL 3, 2018

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Public Services Director Best, Executive Assistant Selman, Museum Director Dallos, Deputy Director (Fire Chief) Brow, Water and Sewer Director Taylor and an audience of sixteen (16).

Trustee Frazier requested the agenda be amended removing Consent Agenda item #5 [Voucher List of April 3, 2018] and placing it as New Business item #4.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: White moved, Miller seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. [Work Study Session minutes of March 19, 2018, Board Meeting minutes of March 20, 2018, Prepaid List of March 22, 2018 and the Prepaid List of March 29, 2018]. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Representative from the Van Buren Civic fund presented grant in the amount of \$5,763.00 to Museum Director Dallos for exhibits and a grant in the amount \$7,182.25 to Deputy Director (Fire Chief) Brow for gas detection equipment. Clerk Wright asked for a moment of silence and read a narrative commemorating the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's assassination and honoring his legacy. Trustee White reflected on his history of growing up in the south during the Civil Rights movement, how his community was integrated, that he read a book on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. he later presented to Carl McClanahan the first Van Buren Township African American Public Safety Director he personally hired and encouraged everyone to

judge people on the "content of their character".

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve Resolution 2018-05 the Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority (DUWA) definitive agreement. Motion Carried. This is the final step in transferring wastewater treatment to the thirteen participant communities of the Authority.

Budd moved, Martin seconded to approve the request to amend the Township's future land use map to change the future land use designation of the approximately 75-acre parcel at 50015 Michigan Avenue from Low Density Single Family Residential B to Light Industrial. Following lengthy discussion by Board members about the process requirements of future land use changes specifically noting that there is no requirement to notice residents. Several Board members expressed the desire to have further public input and notification. White moved Miller seconded to postpone the item until the next meeting. Clerk Wright called for a point of order and called the question. Supervisor McNamara called for a vote on the second motion to postpone the item until the next meeting. Roll Call Vote. Nays: McNamara, Budd, Wright and Martin. Yeas: Frazier, Miller and White. Motion Failed. Supervisor McNamara called for a vote on the first motion to approve the request to amend the Township's future land use designation of the parcel at 50015 Michigan Avenue from Low Density Single Family Residential B to Light Industrial. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright and Martin. Nays: Frazier, Miller and White. Motion Carried.

Martin moved, Miller seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 04-03-18 to amend the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 5-7-17 (2) to modify certain accessory buildings regulations. Motion Carried. Proposed amendments address minimum setbacks, approval process for accessory building which exceed the lot coverage requirements in non-residential districts, concrete floor and rat wall in agricultural districts and detached shed exemptions.

Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve the Voucher List of April 3, 2018. Motion Carried. Trustee Frazier commented on the airfare expense that appeared on the prepaid list of 3-22-18 associated with Clerk Wright's attendance the IIMC conference in May where he will be sworn in as the IIMC Region V Director. Clerk Wright requested that Trustee Frazier stop questioning his expenses that have been approved, are in compliance with all policies and have been discussed on multiple occasions.

Resident questioned expense associated with McKenna and Associates. Supervisor McNamara advised the resident that McKenna and Associates was approved by the Board as the Township planning and consulting firm during the qualification-based selection process.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Township is seeking residents interested in serving on the Local Finance Development Authority and Water and Sewer Boards. Applications are available at the Supervisor's office. The Robotics competition recently held at Belleville High School was a huge success and a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Devon Turner will be held at the BYC on Tuesday April 10, 2018 from 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Included a rebuttal by Trustee White to an article in the Belleville Area Independent by a resident citing there was misinformation regarding expenditures associated with his attendance at training sessions, displeasure with cancellation of the Work Study session of April 2, 2018, request to change Township operating hours, desire for all board members to receive information equally, questioned Treasurer Budd's Thursday breakfast meet ups with residents, fines and fee increases, questioned who called the media to be in attendance at the meeting and a request for the back stabbing at the Board table to stop.

ADJOURNMENT: Budd moved, Miller adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

Publish: April 12, 2018

City of Belleville Public Notice

City of Belleville CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: Partial Vacation of Fourth Street

Please take notice that the City Council by resolution on April 2, 2018, resolved to consider vacation of a portion of Fourth Street, a public street, between Charles Street and the public alley to the north of Charles Street.

A public hearing will be held on May 7, 2018, at 7:30 pm at City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan, at which time the Council shall hear any objections to the proposed vacation.

Objections to the proposed vacation may also be filed with the City Clerk in writing prior to the close of the above public hearing.

Sherri Scharf
City Clerk/Treasurer

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 368 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, April 1:

0153 -- noise complaint, N. Bellridge Dr.
0235 -- property damage accident, Greenbriar Dr.
0257 -- disorderly, Daisy Blvd.
0837 -- hospice death, Bemis Rd.
0856 -- animal complaint, Sheldon Rd.
1036 -- road hazard, Belleville/Quirk Rd.
1457 -- larceny, Patty Ln.
1527 -- animal complaint, Greenbriar Dr.
1528 -- disorderly, McKinley St.
1626 -- noise complaint, Hamlin St.
1657 -- traffic offense, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
1705 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Country Walk
1939 -- animal complaint, Denton Rd.
1950 -- juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.
2224 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
2242 -- animal complaint, W. Huron River Dr. / Hoef Rd.
2333 -- retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2356 -- retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

Monday, April 2:

0758 -- juvenile complaint, Rawsonville/Textile
0801 -- property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler
0838 -- mental subject, Robson Rd.
1250 -- animal complaint, Savage Rd.
1357 -- domestic, Maple Dr.
1433 -- fraud, Rose Blvd.
1440 -- property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Beck Rd.
1458 -- larceny, Belleville Rd.
1547 -- disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
1806 -- family trouble, Harbour Pointe Ct.
1928 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.
1943 -- noise complaint, N. Bellridge Dr.
2102 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Huron River Dr.
2151 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
2302 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
2320 -- noise complaint, Prairiegrass Ct.
2354 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.

Tuesday, April 3:

0128 -- suspicious person / vehicle, Amanda Dr. / Lindsey Dr.
0738 -- property damage accident, Tyler Rd.
0926 -- threat, Rawsonville Rd.
1000 -- missing person, Quirk Rd.
1247 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Pond Bluff Dr.
1303 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Beck Rd.
1402 -- follow up by officer, Timberlane
1407 -- fraud, Hardwood Dr.
1425 -- disorderly, Denton Rd.
1510 -- personal injury accident, Ecorse/Denton
1521 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1559 -- threat, Belleville Rd.
1657 -- road hazard, N. I-94 Service Dr./Beck Rd.
1747 -- retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1808 -- malicious destruction of property, Maple
1814 -- private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2018 -- retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2206 -- retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2210 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

Wednesday, April 4:

0115 -- suspicious person/vehicle, N. Woodbury Dr.
0401 -- threat, Belleville Rd.
0426 -- threat, Belleville Rd.
0702 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Sylvia Dr.
1144 -- 911 welfare check, Lake Point Blvd.
1448 -- harassment call, Stonebridge Dr.
1635 -- harassment call, Lake Point Blvd.
1659 -- disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1703 -- overdose, Haggerty Rd.
1709 -- property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1813 -- property damage accident, Sheldon Rd. / Beverly Rd.

1907 -- road hazard, Haggerty Rd./Van Born Rd.
2053 -- suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
2120 -- neighbor trouble, N. Timberview Dr.
2200 -- noise complaint, Rose Blvd.

Thursday, April 5:

0055 -- family trouble, Winchester St.
0114 -- suspicious activity report, Belleville Rd.
0150 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Harmony Ln.
0927 -- family trouble, Birch Dr.
1034 -- private property impound, Van Born

1035 -- private property impound, Westlake Cir.
1041 -- fraud, Country Walk Ct.
1123 -- road hazard, E. I-94/Belleville Rd.
1137 -- assault & battery, Haggerty Rd.
1255 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville
1317 -- retail fraud, Oak Ln.
1428 -- operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.
1457 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Holly Ln.
1531 -- threat, Pine Dr.
1926 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Spruce Ln.
1949 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
2006 -- mental subject, Daniel Dr.
2036 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Locust Dr.
2055 -- domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2059 -- breaking & entering, Outer Dr.
2135 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2152 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Water's Edge
2154 -- domestic, Belle Pointe Dr.
2223 -- narcotics crime, Village Green Ln.
2233 -- 911 welfare check, Pond Ridge Dr.
2329 -- suspicious person/vehicle, N. Timberview
2346 -- assist other dept., Sawgrass Ct.

Friday, April 6:

0057 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0257 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Tavistock Dr.
0320 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd
0451 -- assist other dept., Rawsonville Rd./W. Huron River Dr.
0939 -- follow up by officer, Outer Dr.
1057 -- property damage accident, EB Ecorse / county line
1108 -- private property/property damage accident, Denton Rd.
1140 -- 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
1150 -- fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1210 -- property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1229 -- missing person, Lake Villa Dr.
1230 -- private property impound, Ash Dr.
1300 -- assault & battery, Bemis Rd.
1303 -- family trouble, Milton Dr.
1516 -- operating while intoxicated, Haggerty / tracks
1725 -- private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1720 -- personal injury accident, WB I-94 / Belleville Rd.
1923 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse / Michigan
1949 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Capitol Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
2005 -- family trouble, Dalton Dr.
2033 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Meadows Cir.
2047 -- disorderly, Parkwood Dr.
2053 -- 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
2206 -- noise complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
2321 -- noise complaint, Sylvia Dr.

Saturday, April 7:

0014 -- assist fire dept., EB I-94 / Belleville Rd.
0017 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Arcadia Ct.
0209 -- suicidal person, Denton Rd.
0334 -- domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0337 -- domestic, Denton Rd.
0412 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0432 -- family trouble, Dalton Dr.
0453 -- malicious destruction of property, Rawsonville Rd.
0558 -- noise complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0604 -- noise complaint, Sugarbush
0809 -- noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl. / Sugarbush Ln.
0907 -- animal complaint, Hardwood Dr.
1157 -- private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1223 -- PPO violation, Birch Dr.
1243 -- assist other dept., Henry
1800 -- threat, Sylvia Dr.
1900 -- animal complaint, Van Born/Haggerty Rd.
1952 -- missing person, Quirk Rd.
2034 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Hickory Woods
2053 -- family trouble, Holly Ln.
2324 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
2343 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. Bellridge Dr.

Also on this week's log are 96 traffic stops, 24 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 1:

0028 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
0128 -- intrusion alarm, Church St.
0220 -- civil matter, Potter Ct.

0953 -- road hazard, E. Columbia Ave.
1715 -- mental subject, Church St.
1818 -- noise complaint, Carmell St.
1846 -- parking complaint, Carmell St.
2110 -- shooting, Main St./Roys St.
2120 -- welfare check, Loza Ln.
Monday, April 2:
0115 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.
0154 -- civil matter, Robbe St.
0315 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Victorian Ln. / Savage Rd.

1220 -- assist fire dept., Brain St.
1524 -- intrusion alarm, Belle Villa Blvd.
1818 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Hillside

Tuesday, April 3:

0810 -- intrusion alarm, E. Huron River De.
1120 -- larceny, Carmell St.
1256 -- intrusion alarm, N. Liberty St.
2149 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd.

Wednesday, April 4:

0056 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1026 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
1243 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Edison/High
1720 -- suspicious person/vehicle, E. Waterbury Ct.

Thursday, April 5:

0840 -- larceny, N. Liberty St.
0932 -- assist fire dept., Church St.
1258 -- vehicle lockout, Main St./Second St.
1314 -- welfare check, Sumpter Rd.
1423 -- noise complaint, Anaheim/Belle Villa Blvd.
1636 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.
1722 -- follow up by officer, South St.
2031 -- follow up by officer, Main St.
2250 -- property check, W. Columbia Ave.

Friday, April 6:

0406 -- suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty St.
0634 -- disorderly, Church St.
1635 -- 911 welfare check, E. Columbia Ave.
1702 -- neighbor trouble, High St.
1733 -- warrant arrest, Washtenaw County Jail
1859 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
2238 -- noise complaint, Henry St.
Saturday, April 7:
0334 -- malicious destruction of property, Henry
1246 -- civil matter, Henry St.
1438 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Savage tracks
1754 -- assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1849 -- traffic offense, E. Columbia Ave. / S. Liberty St.
2345 -- lost property/child, Main St.

Also on this week's log are 64 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 1:

0258 -- shots fired, 22000 bl. Clark Rd.
0723 -- animal complaint, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
1202 -- alarm, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1406 -- suspicious incident, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1520 -- fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1612 -- suspicious incident, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1625 -- family trouble, 22000 bl. Fenster Rd.
1740 -- larceny, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1755 -- 911 hang up, Carriage Ln.
1800 -- fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Clark Rd.
1913 -- reckless driver, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
1936 -- fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2006 -- disorderly person, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2035 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville / Oakville Waltz
2354 -- fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.

Monday, April 2:

0241 -- trespassing complaint, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
0433 -- juvenile complaint, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
0756 -- fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0852 -- 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1819 -- juvenile complaint, Carriage Ln.
1909 -- fire dept. assist, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
1920 -- suspicious incident, Rawsonville / Meadow Springs

2341 -- warrant arrest pick up, out of township

Tuesday, April 3:

0828 -- fire dept. assist, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1310 -- fire dept. assist, New Mexico
1346 -- warrant arrest pick up, Bemis/Rawsonville
1459 -- animal complaint, 25000 bl. Martinsville
1504 -- suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1821 -- 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2010 -- fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.

Wednesday, April 4:

0149 -- warrant arrest pick up, Bemis/Rawsonville

0843 -- suspicious incident, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
0916 -- alarm, 41000 bl. Wear Rd.
1031 -- animal complaint, 25000 bl. Martinsville
1039 -- alarm, 46000 bl. Kozma Rd.
1315 -- warrant arrest pick up, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1323 -- fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1409 -- fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1448 -- civil dispute, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2228 -- fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.

Thursday, April 5:

1014 -- fire dept. assist, Brookview
1350 -- suspicious incident, 9600 bl. Rawsonville
1401 -- fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1437 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1651 -- fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1702 -- fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1757 -- suspicious incident, Hampshire

Friday, April 6:

0731 -- alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1034 -- noise complaint, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
1131 -- suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Sherwood
1339 -- suspicious vehicle, 8100 bl. Rawsonville
1352 -- larceny, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1423 -- animal complaint, Martinsville/Willow
1528 -- reckless driver, Bemis/Savage
1533 -- assist other agency, 36000 bl. Willow Rd.
1632 -- animal complaint, Arizona
1854 -- trespassing complaint, 42000 bl. Bemis

Saturday, April 7:

0249 -- animal complaint, Sumpter/Judd
0858 -- alarm, 21000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
0942 -- abandoned vehicle, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
1028 -- assist other agency, Rustic Ln.
1528 -- fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1933 -- shots fired, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2139 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Also on this week's log are 10 follow-up investigations, 24 miscellaneous details, 114 patrol checks, and 54 traffic stops.

Clarification: There were more stipulations to Landstrom's sentence

In the April 5 edition of the *Independent* on page 18 we reported Kenneth Joseph Landstrom, 59, of Van Buren Township was sentenced to five days in the Wayne County Jail after being found guilty by a jury of the misdemeanor charges of lying to a police officer investigating a crime and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

These offenses took place in VBT on May 16, 2017.

On March 29, Judge Brian A. Oakley sentenced Landstrom to five days in jail, beginning at once, but he also sentenced him to eight days on the 34th District Court Work Program, attendance at a behavioral modification program through Pam's Place or an approved agency beginning within 30 days, and to follow all recommendations with documents to the Probation Department. He also shall have no unsupervised contact with Juliana Rogers.

Landstrom also was fined \$1,320 on the lying to a police officer charge and \$670 for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He is scheduled for 12 months of probation with review on March 29, 2019.

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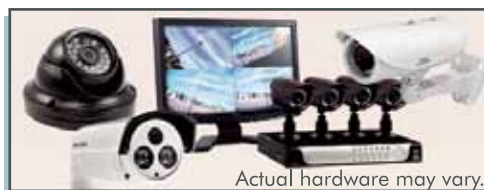
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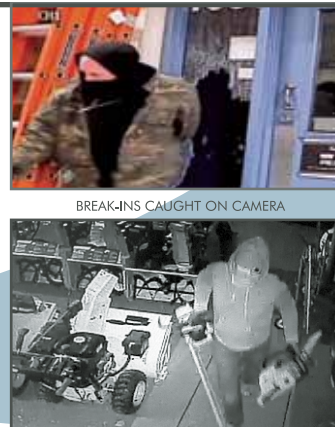
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Coldwell Banker Professionals on Main Street in Belleville and CrossCountry Mortgage Inc. will be holding a Home Buyer Seminar next Tuesday, April 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. at their offices at 309

Main Street. The free seminar will cover the process of buying a home, renters looking to buy, current homeowners looking to move, and the advantages of buying versus renting. Food will be provided. Call (734) 697-1800.

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